repair when sent, or to which they may retire for their relief, she cannot with any honour or the good respect of her natural subjects send any more forces thither to be wasted and spoiled as the former have been for the lack of such a place of retire

The ambassador is also to know of the King what assurance her Majesty may have of him that he will continue jointly with her in offence and defence against the King of Spam She doubteth not that he will give her this assurance under his hand and the great seal of France ,, for without it she will think all her kindness, favours and expenses of her treasure and wasting of her people to be as lost and of no effect Then the ambassador is to require the King to call to his memory how long she hath aided him both before his title to the crown of France, and since, with money (as yet never repaid according to his bonds), and with her subjects with their lives, and m such number as England never yielded in any age to serve in foreign countries

i6tbjuly THE PLAGUE INCREASES

The Council have written to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen saying that the Queen is greatly grieved at the increase of sickness, and although these plagues proceed from the hands of God as a due punishment of our wickedness, yet ought we to use all possible means to prevent their increase If as good care were used in keeping the orders as had been taken for their making, and especially in restraining the infected from the sound, it would, with the help of God, do great good In the town of Kingston, upon the first infection, they caused a house to be made in the fields distant from the town where the infected might be kept'apart and provided for all

things convenient for their sustenance and care , and the same should be done in London

There was also a little book set forth in the time of the great plague and the last year printed again which contained divers good precepts and orders , this might be recommended by the minister of every parish to all housekeepers

The Council require the suppression of all those that sell old apparel[1], a trade greatly used of late, and in no wise to be suffered in time of infection